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SUBJECT: HONG KONG INVESTMENT MISSION TO U.S.

REF: A) HK 8196, 7/18/75
B) USDOC 11357, 7/25/75
C) HK 10137, 8/29/75

SUMMARY

SUBJECT INVESTMENT MISSION, DISCUSSED REFTELS, WILL DEPART HK FOR US IN MID-OCTOBER. MISSION NOW CO-SPONSORED BY HONG KONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (HKGCC) AND HKG DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DC&I). MISSION'S PURPOSE IS TO PROMOTE U.S. INVESTMENT IN HK. HKGCC TEAM WILL VISIT NEW YORK WHILE DC&I TEAM WILL VISIT CHICAGO WITH BOTH TEAMS MEETING AFTERWARDS IN LOS ANGELES.
END SUMMARY

1. HKGCC TEAM BEING LED BY PETER FOXON, CHAIRMAN. HE WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY JIMMY MCGREGOR, DIRECTOR OF HKGCC (FORMERLY DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF DC&I) AND HERB MINICH, DIRECTOR OF HK AMCHAM. THIS TEAM WILL ARRIVE IN NEW YORK OCTOBER 19 AND DEPART FOR LOS ANGELES OCTOBER 28. PRIMARY CONTACT IN NY FOR THIS TEAM WILL BE MR. ANTHONY CHIEN, FIRST NATIONAL CITY BANK, 399 PARK AVE., N.Y.

2. ROY PORTER, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, DC&I IS HEADING ANOTHER TEAM TO CHICAGO, SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE OCT. 19 AND DEPART OCT. 28 FOR LA. THEODORE SILBERMAN, DEPUTY DIRECTOR AND JOHN GALLO, ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, ROOM 1122, 205 WEST WACKER DRIVE,
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CHICAGO, ILL. ARE THE PRIMARY CONTACTS FOR THIS TEAM IN

ARRANGING SCHEDULE.

3. APPOINTMENTS FOR BOTH TEAMS BEING MADE NOW BY TWO ABOVE CITED CONTACTS. HOWEVER, BOTH TEAMS HAVE REQUESTED ASSISTANCE BY CONGEN IN NOTIFYING US BUSINESSMEN IN NY-CHICAGO AREAS OF MISSION'S VISIT.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: COMMERCE FIELD OFFICES IN NY AND CHICAGO CONTACT FNCB AND STATE OF ILLINOIS OFFICES TO OFFER ASSISTANCE AS APPROPRIATE IN PUBLICIZING MISSION AND ARRANGING CONTACTS WITH US BUSINESSMEN. ALSO BELIEVE STATE RECEPTION CENTER FACILITIES IN NY COULD OFFER SOME HOSPITALITY. NOTE THAT THIS IS THE FIRST TIME TO OUR KNOWLEDGE THAT AMCHAM HAS BEEN INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN A MISSION OF THIS KIND.
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